

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1 – 17 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 18 – 32 as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

18. (New) A dispenser for sheet material comprising:  
a container including a top and an opening defined in the top of the container;  
a flexible plate sized to fit within the container;  
an elastomeric band engaged with the flexible plate acting to bias at least portions of the flexible plate into a generally curved state; and  
a stack of sheet material positioned within the container between the top of the container and the flexible plate, the stack comprised of a plurality of sheets of material which are generally vertically aligned and which are releasably adhered to each other along opposite edges of successive sheets by at least one band of pressure sensitive adhesive wherein a first sheet of the stack is capable of passing through the opening in the top of the container.
19. (New) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the flexible plate further comprises:  
a first pair of opposing edges;  
a pair of creases spaced from and generally parallel to the first pair of opposing edges;  
and  
wherein the elastomeric band engages the flexible plate so as to bend the flexible plate along the pair of creases.
20. (New) The dispenser of claim 2, wherein the elastomeric band urges a top of the flexible sheet toward the top of the container.
21. (New) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the flexible plate is a plastic material.

22. (New) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the flexible plate is a paper based material.

23. (New) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the flexible plate further comprises: one or more openings through the sheet.

24. (New) The dispenser of claims 6, wherein the pair of flexible plate further comprises:

a first pair of opposing edges and wherein the one or more openings are disposed generally parallel to the first pair of opposing edges.

25. (New) A dispenser for sheet material comprising:

a container having a bottom, and a top, the top defining an opening;

a stack of sheet material positioned within the container, the stack comprised of a plurality of vertically aligned sheets of material which are releasably adhered to each other along opposite edges of successive sheets by a narrow band of pressure-sensitive adhesive, a first sheet of material capable of passing through the opening in the top of the container;

a flexible plate generally sized to fit within the dispensing package between the stack of sheet material and the bottom of the dispensing package, the plate having opposing first and second edges; and

an elastomeric band drawing the first and second edges of the plate toward one another.

26. (New) The dispenser of claim 25, wherein the plate further comprises opposing third and fourth edges and wherein the elastomeric band further comprises first and second portions, the first and second portions positioned between the first and second edges of the plate and secured to opposite sections of the plate, each portion having an unstressed length that is less than a length of one of the third and fourth edges of the plate.

27. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate comprises opposing third and fourth edges and a first pair of spaced recesses associated with the third edge and a second pair of

spaced recesses associated with the fourth edge, and wherein the band of elastomeric material is positioned in the first and second pair of recesses.

28. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate is a polymer material.

29. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate further comprises opposing third and fourth edges, wherein the first and second edges of the plate generally are parallel to one another, and wherein the third and fourth edges are formed to define a radially tapered width of the plate.

30. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate further comprises opposing third and fourth edges and wherein the plate is formed to define one or more openings through the plate, the openings generally being spaced from the first, second, third and fourth edges.

31. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate is a card stock material.

32. (New) The dispenser of claim 25 wherein the plate includes at least one crease, the at least one crease generally being parallel to and spaced from the first and second edges.